Summary of solar cell defects

How do defects affect the performance of solar cells?
Defects induce deep energy levels in the semiconductor bandgap,which degrade the carrier lifetime and quantum efficiencyof solar cells. A comprehensive knowledge of the properties of defects require electrical characterization techniques providing information about the defect concentration,spatial distribution and physical origin.

How do point defects affect the performance of perovskite solar cells?
The performance of perovskite solar cells is significantly impactedby point defects,such as Schottky,Frenkel,interstitial vacancies,and substitutions. Interstitials (MAi,Pb i,I i) exert a significant influence on carrier concentration and modify the band structure within the material.

Does the light harvesting layer affect the performance of solar cells?
It is known that defectsin the light-harvesting layer influence the device performance metrics of the ensuing solar cells.

Why do solar cells have a limited number of charge carriers?
The consequence is a limitation in the number of charge carriers available for collection and transport within the solar cell. The energy of the trapped electrons transforms into heat energy when the charges are systematically trapped by the deep trap states, which lowers the open circuit voltage (V oc) and short circuit current density (Jsc) .

How does a deep trap affect a solar cell?
Deep traps can increase voltage lossesin the solar cell. These losses occur due to the recombination of charge carriers before they reach the external circuit. As deep trapped charge carriers facilitate recombination,more of the photogenerated carriers are lost as heat rather than contributing to the V oc.

Do defects affect stability?
The current understanding of the effects of defects on stability is limited to the thermodynamic knowledge that the non-perovskite phases of CsPbI 3 and FAPbI 3 have lower energies than their perovskite phase counterparts and that this energy difference fundamentally promotes transition to the undesired phase.

Therefore, to attain the high efficiency of solar cells, any defect generating deep levels should be avoided. Here, we can know that the calculation of transition level or single-electron level may provide a qualitative ...

Finally, a brief summary of this article and perspective of future research are presented. It can be concluded that the solar cell surface defect detection methods based on machine vision have made great progress. However, there is still room for improvement in algorithm design of feature extraction, such as feature extraction algorithm based on deep neural networks. Considering ...

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